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# STATEMENT

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On 3rd June, 1970, after a general election of the House of Assembly, Don Dunstan was again elected as Premier of South Australia. He began his third term as Premier following the Labor Party's success at the March 1973 election.

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